

- (2) Child protective services workers must complete a minimum of 18 hours of additional training that the Division determines is necessary to adequately meet training needs;
- (3) Foster care and adoption social workers must complete a minimum of 39 hours of additional training that the Division determines is necessary to adequately meet training needs;
- (4) Child Welfare Services supervisors must complete a minimum of 72 hours of preservice training before assuming supervisory responsibilities, and a minimum of 54 hours of additional training that the Division determines is necessary to adequately meet training needs; and
- (5) Child welfare services staff must complete 24 hours of continuing education annually thereafter.

The Division of Social Services shall ensure that training opportunities are available for county departments of social services and consolidated human services agencies to meet the training requirements of this subsection.

~~This subsection shall expire June 30, 1999. This subsection shall continue in effect until explicitly repealed.~~

(e) Article 3 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by inserting a new Part to read:

'Part 4B. State Child Fatality Review Team.

"§ 143B-150.20. State Child Fatality Review Team; establishment; purpose; powers; duties.

There is established in the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, a State Child Fatality Review Team to conduct in-depth reviews of any child fatalities which have occurred involving children and families involved with local departments of social services child protective services in the 12 months preceding the fatality. Steps in this in-depth review shall include interviews with any individuals determined to have pertinent information as well as examination of any written materials containing pertinent information.

The purpose of these reviews shall be to implement a team approach to identifying factors which may have contributed to conditions leading to the fatality and to develop recommendations for improving coordination between local and State entities which might have avoided the threat of injury or fatality and to identify appropriate remedies. The Division of Social Services shall make public the findings and recommendations developed for each fatality reviewed relating to improving coordination between local and State entities. The State Child Fatality Review Team shall consult with the appropriate district attorney in accordance with G.S. 7A-675.1(d) prior to the public release of the findings and recommendations.

The State Child Fatality Review Team shall include representatives of the local departments of social services and the Division of Social Services, a member of the local Community Child Protection Team, a member of the local child fatality prevention team, a representative from local law enforcement, a prevention specialist, and a medical professional.

The State Child Fatality Review Team shall have access to all medical records, hospital records, and records maintained by this State, any county, or any local agency as necessary to carry out the purposes of this